

Editorial E Coosh EEWA:

(The way it is)
Letters to the Editor—



Hatfield responds, describes legislation

Dear Friend,

Since you have expressed concern over matters relating to Native Americans in the past, I thought you might be interested in two items which passed the Senate during the first week of June.

On June 6, 1984, the Senate passed S. Res. 127 by voice vote. This bill, which was cosponsored by Senator Mark Hatfield and 58 other members of the Senate, restores a permanent Senate committee for Indian Affairs for the first time since 1946 and establishes a permanent mechanism to implement the Senate's constitutional power and responsibility towards Native Americans.

Shortly thereafter, on June 8, 1984, the Senate passed S. 2614, the Indian Financing Act Amendments of 1984. S. 2614,

sponsored by Senator Andrews and Senator Mark Hatfield, amends the Indian Financing Act of 1974 to raise the ceiling on loan guarantees made to individuals and authorizes appropriations for deposit into the Indian Loan Guaranty and Insurance Fund.

Although passage of these two items represents just a small step in relation to the many legislative concerns regarding Indian affairs in the Congress, rest assured that I will continue to push for passage of future measures relating to Native Americans as they come before the Senate.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

Mark Q. Hatfield
United States Senator

German girl seeking pen pal

Hello,

My name is Grete and I would like to correspond with an Indian girl of my age. I am a girl of 14 years old and I live in the Northwest of Germany near the North Sea. I am very interested in the Indians lives in America. And I have some questions because I think there is much more you can tell me. How is it on a reservation? Can the Indians do what they want

there? How many Indians live on a reservation? What sort of schools have they got there? Do the Indians still speak their native language?

I'm looking forward to your answer!

Sincerely yours,

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To the family and friends of
Sam Johnson:

We, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs share your grief from the sudden loss of your dear one. Our community family has lost one of its dearest members as well as a dear friend.

We have all been blessed with his life and now we are blessed with his legacy. Sam was an exceptionally gifted leader and a profound individual. Very few individuals have touched our lives. Our trust, respect and love for Sam flows his walking the same path that he spoke.

The darkest moments of our grief are comforted by our memorial of a remarkable man

whose personal courage and strength could challenge such moments.

Sincerely,
The Confederated Tribes of
Warm Springs

Zane Jackson, Chairman
Tribal Council

***Editor's note:** Sam Johnson was known in the state of Oregon for his political career in the Oregon House of Representatives. He served seven terms in the Legislation before retiring in 1977. During his years as a legislator he served on the Ways and Means Committee during 1975-76 and previously chaired the House of Revenue and Rules

committees.

He was a third-generation lumberman, he was a partner in the Tite Knot Pine Mill in Redmond, Barclay Logging of Sisters and the Jefferson Plywood Co. in Madras.

The Jefferson Plywood Co. was purchased by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. He was a member of the WSFPI Board of Directors and a member of the Middle Oregon Indian Historical Society.

Johnson died at the age of 72 on June 20 while attending a seminar at the U.S. Naval War College in Rhode Island. At the time of his death he was the mayor of the city of Redmond.

VFW involvement encouraged

Letter to the Community:

This letter is being submitted for a number of reasons—the primary purpose being to announce our relinquishment of the old VFW Hall and recommending its demolition for health and safety reasons. In doing so, we ask for your support and assistance in acquiring a new site and building to continue the opportunities and activities that were made available to the community through the old VFW Hall. The old VFW Hall provided many opportunities and created many memories, but time and nature have made the building unsafe for further use.

Our request for a new facility is to allow for more of the kinds

of activities that the old hall made possible and to serve as a living memorial to our military veterans. The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States goals are to strengthen the comradeship of its members; serve veterans, their widows and families and the community; and perpetuate the memory of our dead. Our common bond is our comradeship that is borne from fulfilling an obligation to serve our nation in wars, campaigns and expeditions on foreign soils or in hostile territories. Many of our veterans either made the extreme sacrifice or carry physical or emotional wounds as a result of their service, they need to be remembered.

We are encouraged by the recognition and support that is being expressed within the community regarding our veterans. However, the needs of our veterans are still being overlooked. There is a sense that we exist to conduct funeral services and march in parades or post colors at ceremonies. These activities show that we do exist but very little is done to show who and what we are. The VFW is one way for us to show that we care for one another, there are many who are not in our organization and are getting little or no help for dealing with the recurring ghosts of our combat experience. Our personal experiences may vary, the memories of death, suffering and destruction brought about as a result of hostile fire is a harsh bond among us. Efforts such as that which was put on by Enos and Charlotte Herkshan represent a positive step in recognizing the needs of the Viet Nam Era veterans.

To be a veteran is to experience many mixed emotions of anger, depression, pride, shame, loneliness, guilt and remorse. The pride of

facing an obligation but it can be easily overshadowed by these other emotions. Although we feel a need for forgiveness, we really want understanding but may not be able to communicate that need, because people don't want to listen or don't want to believe, so we have our own private war with ourselves. Our choice was not to seek recognition or personal glory, we did it because we thought it was for you, if you don't or didn't understand us, maybe we didn't understand ourselves. The irony is that we expect you to understand, but how can you, you weren't there, we went so you wouldn't have to. If this is confusing, just think that it's something we have to live with and try to lead a normal life.

This letter is prompted by our recent celebration of our nation's Independence Day, the most recent passing of some of our comrades and having to give up our old VFW Hall. As veterans, it causes us to reflect back on what is the relative value of our efforts while in the uniformed services to our country. All that I can hope to accomplish in this letter is to increase your awareness of our military veterans particularly the war veterans and hope that you gain a better appreciation for their efforts and for the survivors of those that have passed on to answer the roll call with the Creator. I also invite those veterans who do not belong to a veterans organization to join the Veterans of Foreign Wars, we can use their assistance to help others. The VFW meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Citizen's Building.

Charles 'Jody' Calica
Commander, Post #4217
Veterans of Foreign Wars



A good likeness

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Behrend

Warm Springs senior citizens were recently presented with a painting of Susan Moses that was painted from a newspaper clipping by Dorothy Norris of Prineville. Donna Dixon, also of Prineville asked Norris to reproduce the photograph in oils. Dixon decided that there was cultural significance in the painting and donated it to the seniors.